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At least two of these original 46 patent applications on which the Raj mentions in the detailed description that a website on which an embodiment at least one of the embodiments will be used will be on “nextdoor.com”.

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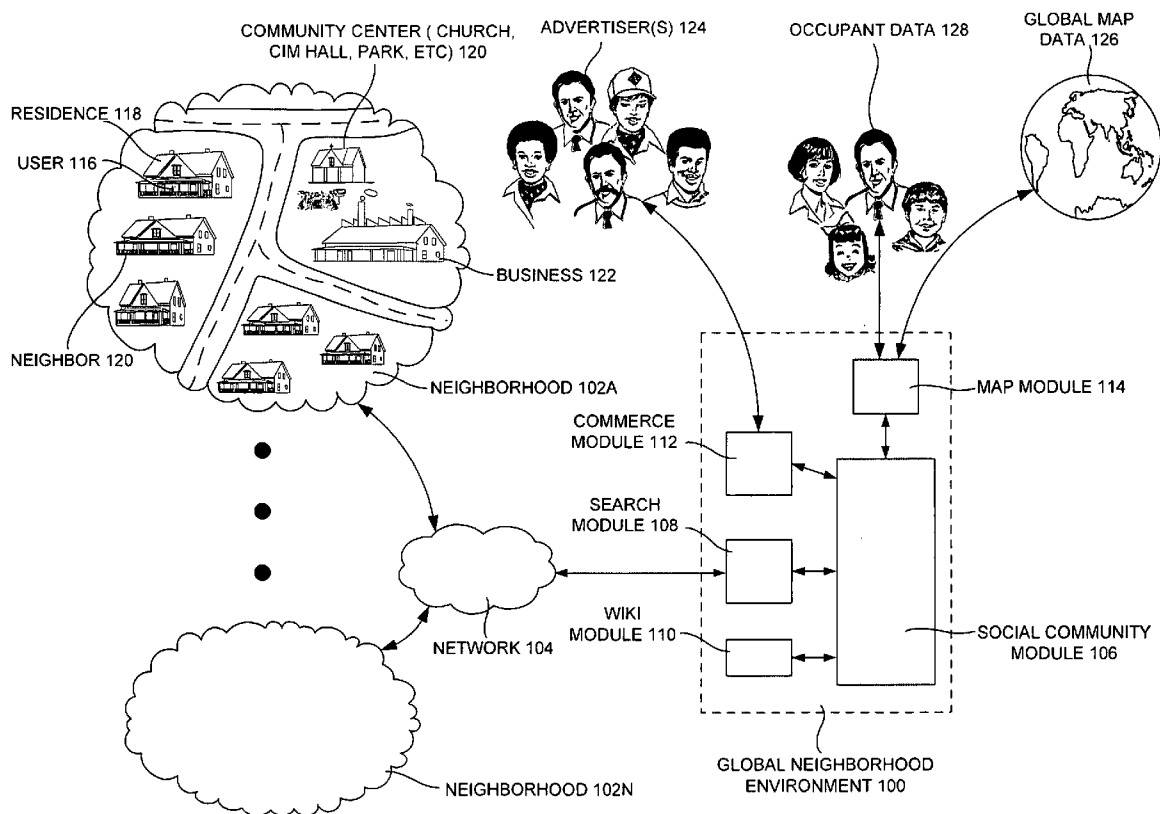
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A method, apparatus and system of map based community search and neighborhood contribution are disclosed. In one embodiment, a method includes associating a verified registered user with a user profile, associating the user profile with a specific geographic location, generating a map concurrently displaying the user profile and the specific geographic location and simultaneously generating, in the map, wiki profiles associated with different geographic locations surrounding the specific geographic location associated with the user profile.

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[0231] The social community module (e.g., as described in FIG. 1) may be a search engine (e.g., Google®, Yahoo®, etc.) that uses maps (e.g., satellite map views) instead of text displays to show information, user profiles, reviews, promotions, ads, directions, events, etc. relevant to user searches.

[0232] The example systems and methods illustrated in FIGS. 1-28 may facilitate a social network membership that spreads virally by users inviting their friends. For example, every person that registers has their own profile, but registration may not be required to contribute content. However, registration may be required to “own” content on your own home, and have override permission to delete things that you don’t like about yourself listed about you by others. In one embodiment, the social community module may need to confirm the user’s identity and address (e.g., using digital signature tools, drivers license verification, etc.), and/or the user may need to pay a monthly fixed fee (e.g., through a credit card) to control their identity.

[0233] For example, they can get a rebate, and not have to pay the monthly fee for a particular month, if they invite at least 15 people that month AND contribute information about at least 10 of their neighbors, friends, civic, or business locations in their neighborhood. People can post pics of their family, their business, their home, etc. on their profile once they “own” their home and register. In another embodiment, endorsements for neighbors by others will be published automatically. People can search for other people by descriptors (e.g., name, profession, distance away from me, etc.)

[0234] Profiles of users may be created and/or generated on the fly, e.g., when one clicks on a home.

[0235] People may be able to visually see directions to their neighborhood businesses, rather than reading directions through text in a first phase. After time, directions (e.g., routes) can be offered as well. Users can leave their opinions on businesses, but the social community module also enables users to leave opinions on neighbors, occupants or any entity having a profile on the map display. The social community module may not attempt to restrict freedom of speech by the users, but may voluntarily delete slanderous, libelous information on the request of an owner manually at any time.

[0236] In one embodiment, the methods and systems illustrated in FIGS. 1-28 enable people to search for things they want e.g. nearby pizzas etc. (e.g., by distance away). Advertisers can “own” their listing by placing a display ad on nextdoor.com. Instead of click-through revenues when someone leaves the site, revenues will be realized when the link is clicked and someone views a preview html on the right of the visual map. Targeted advertisements may also be placed when someone searches a particular street, name, city, etc.

[0237] In another example embodiment, the social community module may enable users of the social network to populate profiles for apartments, buildings, condos, etc. People can create floors, layout, etc. of their building, and add social network pages on the fly when they click on a location that has multiple residents, tenants, or lessees.

[0238] A user interface associated with the social community module 100 may be clean, simple, and uncluttered (e.g., Simple message of “get to know your neighbors”). For example, the map interface shows neighbors. Methods and systems associated with the features described may focus on

user experience, e.g., ensuring a compelling message to invite friends and/or others to join. A seed phase for implementation of the methods and systems illustrated in FIGS. 1-28 may be identified for building a membership associated with the social community module.

[0239] For example, a user having extensive networks in a certain area (e.g., a city) may seed those communities as well. The social network may encourage user expression, user content creation, ease of use on site to get maximum users/distribution as quickly as possible. In another embodiment, the social community module may ensure that infrastructure associated with operation of the social community module (e.g., servers) are able to handle load (e.g., data traffic) and keep up with expected growth.

[0240] For example, the user interface view illustrated in the various figures shows an example embodiment of the social community module of FIG. 1. The user interface view may include a publicly editable profile wall section allowing public postings that owners of the profile can edit. For example, any user may be able to post on an empty profile wall, but a user must claim the location to own the profile (e.g., may minimize barriers to users posting comments on profile walls).

[0241] Names featured on the profile wall may be links to the user profiles on the map (e.g., giving an immediate sense for the location of admirers (or detractors) relative to user location). In one embodiment, an action (e.g., mouse-over) on a comment would highlight the comment user’s house on the map and names linking to user profiles. The user interface view may also utilize the mapping interface to link comments to locations.

[0242] For example, the various embodiments illustrate a comment announcing a garage sale, that is tied to a mapable location on the mapping interface. (e.g., allows people to browse references directly from people’s profiles). In the various figures, an example display of the mapping interface is illustrated. In this example display, houses are shown in green, a church is shown in white, the red house shows the selected location and/or the profile owner’s house, question marks indicate locations without profile owners, blue buildings are commercial locations, and the pink building represents an apartment complex.

[0243] Houses with stars indicate people associated with (e.g., “friends”) of the current user. In one embodiment, a user action (e.g., mouse-over) on a commercial property displayed in the mapping interface may pull up a star (e.g., “****”) rating based on user reviews, and/or a link to the profile for the property. A mouse-over action on the apartment complex may pull up a building schematic for the complex with floor plans, on which the user can see friends/profiles for various floors or rooms. Question marks indicated in the display may prompt users to own that profile or post comments on the wall for that space. A user action on any house displayed in the mapping interface may pull up a profile link, summary info such as status, profession, interests, etc. associated with the profile owner, a link to add the person as a friend, and/or a link to send a message to the user (e.g., the profile owner).

[0244] In another embodiment, a default profile view shown is that of the current user (e.g., logged in), and if the user clicks on any other profile, it may show their profile in that space instead (with few text changes to indicate different person). The events in your area view of the profile display in may have a default radius for notification of events (e.g.,